

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system for delivering content to a client of a user who possesses at least two clients, each of said clients using content ~~legitimately~~ based on an acquired license, said content delivery system comprising:

registering means for registering each of said clients of said user in order to acquire customer-related information;

customer-related information managing means for managing said customer-related information;

first content providing means which, in response to a request from any one of said clients, provides content to the requesting client;

first license granting means which, in response to a request from the requesting client having acquired the content from said first content providing means, ~~grants~~ issues said requesting client a first license for the acquired content; and

second license granting means which, after said user has moved the acquired content from said requesting ~~one~~ client to another client ~~in the possession~~ of the same user, ~~grants~~ issues said another client, user ~~from a second content providing means,~~ a second license for the moved acquired content.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 1, wherein said customer-related information managing means manages a table of correspondences between leaf ID's and client ID's, a table of correspondences between client ID's and user ID's, a table of correspondences between content ID's and license ID's, a table

of correspondences between user ID's and the content ID's of downloaded content, and a table of correspondences between user ID's and ~~the~~ license ID's of downloaded licenses.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 1, wherein said customer-related information managing means updates said customer-related information ~~every time~~ when said content providing means provides content to a client ~~and/or~~ or when any one of said first and said second license granting means ~~grants~~ issues a license to a client.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 1, wherein, in response to a request from said another [[a]] client for a license, said second license granting means acquires a second ~~the requested~~ license from said first license granting means and returns the second ~~acquired~~ license to said another ~~the requesting~~ client.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 4, wherein said second license granting means, by querying said customer-related information managing means, verifies that said another ~~requesting~~ client is authorized to receive said content ~~legitimate~~, that the ~~same~~ user of ~~possessing~~ said another ~~requesting~~ client is the same user ~~in possession of a another~~ client registered with said first license granting means, and that the ~~requested~~ second license requested by said another client has already been granted ~~issued~~ to said another client by said first license granting means.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim 1, further comprising fee-charging means for performing a fee-charging process regarding the client to which a first or second license has been issued ~~granted~~.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A content delivery system according to claim [[5]]6, wherein said fee-charging means charges a first fee when ~~makes a difference in charges between a case in which~~ said first license granting means issues ~~grants~~ a first license to [[a]] said requesting client ~~downloading content~~, and charges a second fee when ~~a case in which~~ said second license granting means ~~grants~~ issues a second license to said another client of the same user ~~in possession of said downloading client~~.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended). An information processing ~~apparatus~~ system for using content, comprising:

content downloading means for downloading content to a first destination;

content storing means for storing said content in said first destination;

content moving means for moving the content stored in said content storing means to a second destination ~~an external destination or for moving externally acquired content into said content storing means~~;

license acquiring means for acquiring a license for using said content in said second destination; and

content reproducing means for ~~legitimately~~ using said content in said second destination based on the acquired license.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for using delivering content to a client of a user who possesses at least two clients, each of said clients using content based on an acquired license, said method comprising:

~~downloading content~~ registering each of said clients of said user in order to acquire customer-related information;

storing said customer-related information ~~content~~;

requesting content to be transmitted from a first content server to one of said clients;
transmitting said content to said requesting client;
transmitting a first license to said content from said first content server to said
requesting client;
moving the content stored in said requesting client to another client of the user ~~content~~
~~storing step to an external destination or moving externally acquired content into storage;~~
and
transmitting a second license to said content from a second content server to said
another client of said user. ~~acquiring a license for using content; and~~
~~legitimately using content based on the acquired license.~~

Claim 10 (Withdrawn). A computer program which is described in a computer-readable format and which allows a computer system to grant a user a license for using content, said user possessing at least two clients which use content legitimately based on acquired licenses, said computer program comprising:

first step of determining whether or not a client of said user requesting a license is legitimate;

a second step of determining whether or not said user possessing the requesting client is also in possession of another client to which said license has already been granted; and
a third step of granting the same license to said requesting client if the determination in the second step provides an affirmative result.

Claim 11 (New): A content delivery system for delivering content to a client of a user who possesses at least two clients, each of said clients using content based on an acquired license, said content delivery system comprising:

a first content provider comprising a first content server and a first license server;

a first client including a first processor, said first processor configured to cause an advance registration of said first client with said first license server of said first content provider;

said first processor configured to acquire a first license to content from said first license server of said first content provider;

said first processor configured to cause a download of said content from said first content server of said first content provider to said first client;

a first storage media that stores in said first client said content received from said first content provider;

a second content provider comprising a second content server and a second license server;

a second client including a second processor, said second processor configured to cause an advance registration of said second client with said second license server of said second content provider;

a second storage media in said second client configured to receive said content from said first storage media of said first client; and

said second processor configured to acquire, after said content is received in said second storage media, a second license to said content from said second license server.